

CLAIMS

1. Cosmetic process for treating visible and/or tactile irregularities on human skin, comprising the steps consisting in:
- 5 (a) applying topically to the skin a composition comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least 20% by weight of urea,
- (b) leaving the composition in contact with the skin for a time of between 5 minutes and 6 hours, and
- 10 (c) removing the composition by rinsing.
2. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the composition is left in contact with the skin, in step (b), for a time of between 5 minutes and 30 minutes.
- 15 3. Process according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the composition contains from 20% to 50% by weight of urea.
4. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the composition contains a
- 20 continuous aqueous phase.
5. Process according to Claim 4, characterized in that the composition also contains at least one compound chosen from alcohols and polyols containing from 1 to 3 carbon atoms.
- 25 6. Process according to Claim 5, characterized in that the said compound is chosen from ethanol, isopropanol, glycerol and propylene glycol.

7. Process according to any one of Claims 4 to 6, characterized in that the composition also contains at least one thickener.

8. Process according to Claim 7,  
5 characterized in that the said thickener is chosen from xanthan gum, an optionally crosslinked acrylic acid homopolymer or copolymer, a polyacrylamide, an acrylamidomethylpropanesulphonic acid homopolymer or copolymer, and cellulose derivatives.

10 9. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that it also comprises a preliminary step of applying to the skin a composition containing, in a physiologically acceptable medium, from 0.5% to 10% by weight of urea, before performing  
15 step (a).

10. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 9, characterized in that it also comprises an additional step of applying to the skin a composition containing, in a physiologically acceptable medium,  
20 from 0.5% to 10% by weight of urea, after performing step (c).

11. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that it is intended for attenuating wrinkles and fine lines and/or pigmentation.  
25 marks and/or acne scars and/or for unblocking skin pores.

12. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the composition is applied to the face and/or the neck and/or the neckline and/or the hands and/or the back.